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In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions of the Manual of Patenting Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO-1449 listing the references that are known to Applicants.

The references cited on the enclosed FORM PTO-1449 were cited and were made of record in connection with the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 5,780,222, issued July 14, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/683,784, filed July 16, 1996 (Docket 29488/JWE/A97) [Allowed, Issue Fee paid February 4, 1998, which is a division of U.S. Patent No. 5,591,573, issued January 7, 1997 (Docket 27769/JWE/A97), the parents to the present application. Accordingly, no copies of the listed references are provided herewith.

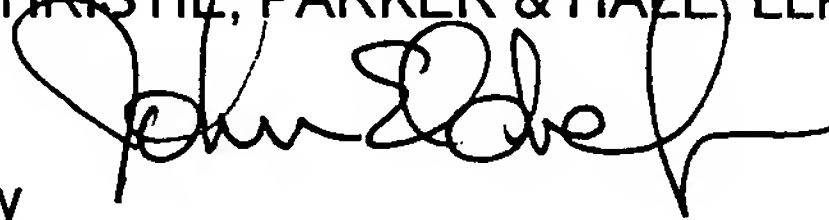
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Listing of the above-described documents does not constitute an admission that they are valid prior art against the claims of the present application.

Consideration of the listed references during substantive examination of this application and their entry as art of record in this case is courteously solicited. Applicants also request that an initialed copy of the FORM PTO-1449 be entered in the Application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the Office in accordance with MPEP § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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